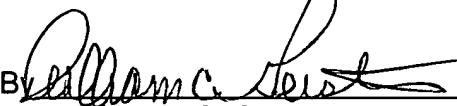


REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is being filed to provide headings, add an abstract and to conform the claims to conventional format.

Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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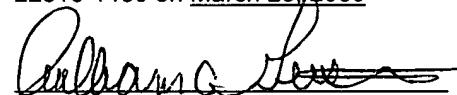
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